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Invited to Stay

COMICRAFT
Wouldn't Leave

MAUREEN McTIGUE
Provided Hospitality

EDDIE BERGANZA
Was Out of Town

THIS ONE'S LUCKY I'M IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

I USUALLY CAN'T SAVE THEM IF THEY DON'T *SCREAM.*

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DID HE JUMP, OR WAS HE *PUSHED?*

HE CAN TELL ME *AFTER* I GET HIM TO THE STREET.

HE'S AT TERMINAL VELOCITY.

HAVE TO MATCH SPEED OR I'LL *KILL* HIM WHEN I MAKE THE CATCH.

BUT ALL THIS *AIR TRAFFIC* IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SEE HIM.

RELAX, FRIEND. I'VE *GOT* YOU.

HEY!

I'M *JUMPING* HERE!

NIGHTWING!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A *SUICIDE.*

HONEST MISTAKE, SUPERMAN. NOW, CAN YOU PUT ME *DOWN* BEFORE YOU START CALLING ME "*LOIS*"?

Hm.

I ASSUME YOU HAVE A REASON TO BE IN METROPOLIS?

INTERGANG. THEY'RE OPENING A FRANCHISE IN *BLÜDHAVEN.*

I HAVEN'T HAD THAT MUCH *TROUBLE* WITH THEM.

THEY'RE VERY LOW PROFILE LATELY.

NOT IN THE *'HAVEN.* THEY'VE BEEN DEALING WITH A GUY NAMED DUDLEY SOAMES.

I THOUGHT I'D GO TO THE SOURCE.

AND *THAT* IS...?

A GUY NAMED...

MR. BENDEL-WHITE!

ANY MESSAGES FOR ME, AMY?

ONLY SYMPATHY CARDS, MR. BENDEL-WHITE.

WE HEARD YOU WERE DEAD!

KEEP IT THAT WAY.

I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND I CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE WITHOUT INTERRUPTIONS.

WELCOME BACK...

BAM

...SIR.

HE'S ALIVE.

WHAT?

BUT SOAMES *KILLED* HIM. I WAS *THERE*. HE BLEW UP HALF A *BUILDING* TO GET HIM.

THEN THAT'S HIS *GHOST* THAT WAS JUST YELLING AT HIS SECRETARY.

SHE SEEMED SURPRISED, TOO.

SOAMES LET HIM *GO*. A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH.

THEN HE *DID* STRIKE A DEAL WITH INTERGANG.

THE SOURCE OF INTERGANG TECHNOLOGY *ISN'T* ON THIS WORLD.

IT'S FROM A PLACE YOU CAN BARELY *IMAGINE*. IF THAT SORT OF POWER WERE LET *LOOSE* ON BLÜDHAVEN...

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

THIS ISN'T YOUR *USUAL* "BUST IN AND KNOCK HEADS" SITUATION.

WE HAVE TO *TIPPY-TOE* IF WE WANT TO GET INTERGANG.

HEY. *YOU'RE* THE REASON THESE GUYS WENT TO GROUND.

YOU'RE A HARD GUY TO *HIDE* FROM.

SO WHAT *NOW?*

KEEP *LISTENING.*

YOU TRYING TO TURN ME INTO A *DETECTIVE*, NIGHTWING?

STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.

"BUT IN *THIS* TOWN I GUESS YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL."

THE ROBOTS YOU DESCRIBE REQUIRE SERVO-MOTORS AND *ADVANCED* NANO-ELECTRONICS TO OPERATE.

I'M PROVIDING YOU WITH A LIST OF THE *ONLY* MANUFACTURERS CAPABLE OF THAT LEVEL OF WORK.

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SCIENCE EDITOR

THIS IS THE *BEST* YOU CAN DO?

YOUR EXPECTATIONS EXCEED *REALITY*, LOIS.

THERE MUST BE *DOZENS* HERE.

WHOEVER OWNS THOSE THINGS NEARLY *KILLED* SUPERMAN. I WANT TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY *CAME* FROM.

YOU *ARE* AN *"INVESTIGATIVE"* REPORTER.

DWEEB.

WITCH.

LOOK, I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS *CLOSING* THE DEAL FOR ME.

IT SAVED MY *LIFE*, AFTER ALL. THAT SOAMES GUY'S OUT OF HIS *MIND*.

BUT YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO *CONTINUE* NEGOTIATIONS.

...

HE'S ASKING FOR *BIGGER* STUFF.

...

WHAT *KIND* OF STUFF?

WHAT DO YOU *THINK* I'M TALKING ABOUT?

HE WANTS BIGGER, BADDER, *NASTIER* STUFF.

...

GUNS! BOMBS! TACTICAL NUKES! HE'S *NUTS!*

...

OF *COURSE* THIS LINE IS SECURE!

I SPENT A *FORTUNE* ON ANTI-SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY!

"NO ONE CAN HEAR ME BUT *YOU!*"

WE'RE GETTING TO THE *GOOD* STUFF NOW.

WHAT'D I *MISS?*

WELL, HE CALLED HIS *MOM*. THEN HIS *DRYCLEANER*. THEN HIS *PALS* AT INTERGANG.

COOL.

HE JUST GOT THROUGH *ASSURING* THEM THAT NO ONE'S LISTENING IN.

NOW THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE *GUN* SALES TO BLÜDHAVEN.

ANY WAY TO GET A *LOCATION* ON WHO HE'S TALKING TO?

NOT ONE OF MY ABILITIES, 'WING.

BUT THE WAY THE *CONVERSATION'S* GOING...

...THEY MAY JUST COME TO *US*.

YOU CALM DOWN!

THAT FREAK THREATENED ME WITH A NAIL-GUN!

...

WELL, I'M BEGINNING TO QUESTION YOUR LOYALTY TO ME!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

...

NO...

...

YOU CAN'T...

KLIK

POP

NO!

NOOOOO!

BAH BAH BAH

DEAR GOD, NOOOO

BEARDED-WRITE

YOU REALLY A *REPORTER?*

ARE WE GONNA BE ON *TEE-VEE?*

ACTUALLY, I'M FROM A *NEWSPAPER.*

I'M LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON A SHIPMENT THAT MIGHT HAVE LEFT PORT RECENTLY

AN *UNUSUAL* SHIPMENT

WE LOAD *ALL* KINDS. WHAT'S *UNUSUAL* ABOUT IT?

UM... ROBOTS. IT MAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE PORT BY *ROBOTS.*

HAHAHA HAHA!

THEY LOAD IT ONNA FLYIN' *SAUCER?*

MAYBE WUNNA THEM WAS *DARF NADER!*

OOP.

THE LADY AKSED A *QUESTION.*

UNNH!

YOUSE SHOULD ANSWER HER *NICE.*

SORRY ABOUT THEIR *B'HAVIOR,* MS. LANE.

YOUSE WAS SAYIN'...?

WELL, I SAW IT DISASSEMBLED AND PACKED AWAY BY *MACHINES.*

ROBOTS. IT WAS A LARGE COMMAND CENTER OF SOME KIND.

IT WOULD *HAVE* TO BE TRANSPORTED BY SHIP.

LEMME *THINK.*

I THINK THE TUB YER LOOKIN' FOR IS THE *KANDIHAR QUEEN.* BUNCHA ODD *DUCKS* ON THAT SHIP.

ODD IN WHAT *WAY,* BIBBO?

WELL, THEY NEVER CAME IN *HERE.*

COME ON, COME ON

DEAD!

JUST LIKE YOU!

AW, NO!

NOW YOU GOTTA DEAL WITH FERROUS!

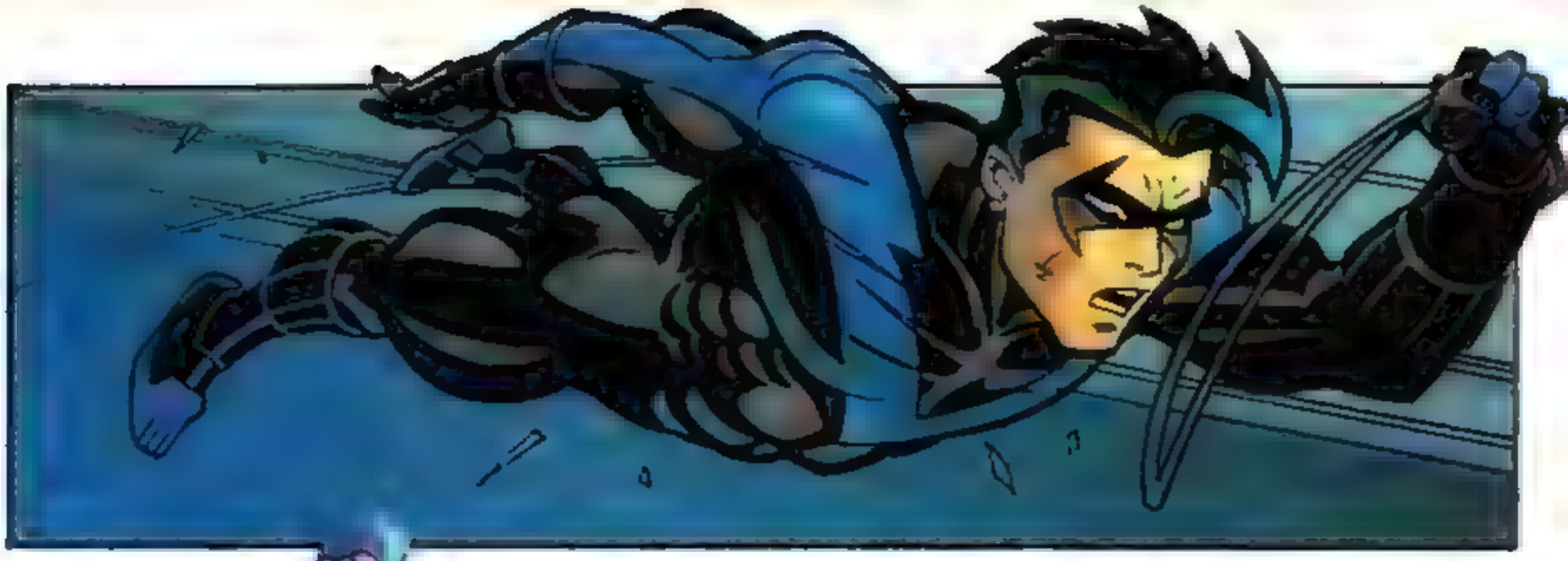
I DON'T DESERVE THIS!

I HAVEN'T BETRAYED ANYONE!

THAT AIN'T OUR CA..L, BUDDY.. WE'RE JUST HERE TO DO OUR JOB..

NOT TODAY!

KRSSSSH



IT'S SUPERMAN!
I CAN SEE THAT! NAIL HIM!

UNNH!

FZAAASK

GUH!!

AW JEEZ --

ZAAK

GET OFF MY DISC!

AND DROP SIXTY STORIES? RIGHT.

UNNGH!

EEEEEEEE!

BASH!

YOU'RE GONNA K..L US *BOTH*, FREAK!

SO *LAND* THIS THING!

NO *WAY!*

MAN!

YOU WANNA PLAY *ROUGH*, FREAK?

WE'LL PLAY *ROUGH*.

NGGG...!

COME ON *OUT*, BENDEL-WHITE.

I'LL MAKE THIS *QUICK.*

QUICKER THAN *THIS?*

OW!

LOOK, I *KNOW* YOU'RE FROM INTERGANG.

WHAT'S AN *INTERGANG?*

WRONG ANSWER.

SNK

GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK AND *TALK.*

EVERYBODY TAKE COVER!

OOP!
OH MY.

KRUMPF

KABOOM

Noooooo!

BENDEL-WHITE!
HOLD ON, I'LL BE RIGHT WITH --

HEY. LOOK WHO I RAN INTO ON THE WAY UP.

WELL. WHO WANTS TO TALK *FIRST?*

THOUGHT SO.

WHY THE LOYALTY TO INTERGANG? THEY SENT THESE GUYS TO *KILL* YOU.

WHAT'S *"INTERGANG"?*

YEAH. RIGHT.

WHEN YOU TALK TO YOUR LAWYERS, TELL THEM TO CARRY A *MESSAGE* BACK TO YOUR BOSSES.

STAY OUT OF *BLUDHAVEN.*

WHO'S GONNA *KEEP* US OUT?

YOU?

AND *ME.*

OH.

WELL, *THEY'RE* SAFELY OFF TO *STRYKER'S ISLAND.*

NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THEM RATTING OUT THEIR *EMPLOYERS,* THOUGH.

I *MEANT* WHAT I TOLD THOSE THUGS.

HUH?

IF *INTERGANG* HAS TAKEN AN INTEREST IN BLUDHAVEN, YOU MAY NEED SOME HEAVY LIFTING.

I MIGHT TAKE YOU *UP* ON THAT.

NOT SURE WHAT I COULD DO IN *RETURN.*

JUST *KEEP* ME IN THE LOOP. *THIS* LITTLE EPISODE WOULD HAVE SLIPPED BY ME.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE MORE *TRUSTING* THAN YOUR MENTOR.

HE'S GOT A MORE SUSPICIOUS NATURE, SUPERMAN.

AND HE'S NEVER TAKEN THE TIME TO GET TO *KNOW* YOU.

END